

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-2, 5-17, 19, 21-27 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. As to claims 1, 19 and 26, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a device or method comprising second recording means for determining, by way of a second recording, the orientation of the container relative to the first recording means on the basis of the mutual positions and orientations of the first recording means, the second recording means and the container at the time of the first and second recording, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.
4. As to claim 24, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a device wherein the orientation determining means comprise recording means for making at least one recording for the purpose of determining the orientation of the container relative to the first recording means on the basis of the mutual position and orientation of the recording means and the container at the time of the at least one recording, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.
5. As to claims 25 and 27, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a device or method comprising a second recording means for recording a second recording, and a second comparing means for comparing a recording of the second recording means to a second reference image or the robust reference image for the purpose of detecting deviations on the decorative exterior, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JARREAS C. UNDERWOOD whose telephone number is (571) 272-1536. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 0530-1400.

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